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Application of:

Garton, Darwin

Application Ser. No. 09/519,326

Filed: March 6, 2000

SEALING BOOT FOR DOUBLE WALL  
TANK ASSEMBLY

Group Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: Pollard, Steven

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated March  
27, 2001, applicant responds as follows:

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-12 and 17-28  
identified as Group I in the March 27, 2001 Office Action. Applicant respectfully traverses the  
restriction requirement in that it is believed that the invention set forth in claims 13-16 is a part of  
the combination embodied in the elected claims, and will be the subject of the search conducted by  
the examiner in regard to the provisionally elected claims. Accordingly, the subcombination set  
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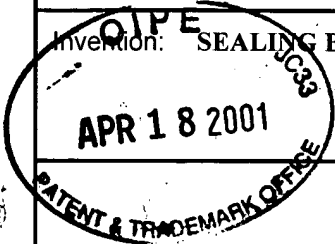
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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>			Docket No. 27769
Applicant(s): <b>GARTON, Darwin</b>			

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Invention: **SEALING BOOT FOR DOUBLE WALL TANK ASSEMBLY**



TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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